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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the application as set forth below and consider the following remarks:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-4, 15-29, 31-32 and 34-43 without prejudice or disclaimer as directed to a non-elected invention. Amend claims 5, 9 and 10; add new claims 44-52 and replace the pending claims with the following:

5. (Amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleic acid sequence encoding a polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:
- a) a mature form of the amino acid sequence given SEQ ID NO: 8;
 - b) a variant of a mature form of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 8 wherein any amino acid in the mature form of the chosen sequence is changed to a different amino acid, provided that no more than 15% of the amino acid residues in the sequence of the mature form are so changed;
 - c) the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 8;
 - d) a variant of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 8 in which any amino acid specified in the chosen sequence is changed to a different amino acid, provided that no more than 15% of the amino acid residues in the sequence are so changed;
 - e) a nucleic acid fragment encoding at least a portion of a polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 8 or any variant of said polypeptide wherein any amino acid of the chosen sequence is changed to a different amino